

A GLANCE AT THE LOCAL NEWS OF FREDERICTON 27 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily Herald, July 27, 1907)

Horse Races

Horse races at the driving park yesterday afternoon attracted a crowd of between five and six thousand spectators and proved very interesting. There were three events and two favorites met defeat, Axel in the 2.40 class and Domestic in the 2.35 class. Burline owned by A. B. Kitchen of this city won an easy victory in the named race and sustained his reputation as Fredericton's greatest pacer. Marquerite owned by Gallagher Brothers of Woodstock captured the 2.40 trot and Don A. a Fredericton horse cleaned up the field in the 2.35 trot. The fastest time of the meeting was 2.21 1/4 made by Burline.

Changed Hands

The St. John Sun publishes a report which is partially confirmed that David Russel has sold the Telegraph to John McKane and that it will become the organ of the Conservative party in New Brunswick.

The Potato Crop

Hon. Mr. Farris and Solicitor-General Jones have been appointed a special committee of the Executive Council to deal with the potato problem in the up-river counties. They are to address a public meeting of farmers at Woodstock on August 1st.

Canoeing Trip

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George A.

Inch and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson are to leave on Tuesday for Grand Falls and will return to this city in canoes. Thomas Phillips of this city has been engaged as guide.

Cricket Match

The Fredericton cricket team which is to meet Mr. Thorp's Massachusetts team here on Tuesday next will likely be composed of the following: Capt. H. Deeds, W. H. Norton-Taylor, J. A. Weldon, Sergt. Galloway, Douglas Roberts, T. L. Fowler, J. S. Campbell, G. E. T. Roberts, J. D. Jago, R. Bingham, Capt. Ashburnham.

Caught a Runaway

Mrs. George Straton of Kingsclear made a plucky capture of a span of runaway horses near her home on Thursday evening. The animals which are the property of Frank Dunphy took fright while standing near Guion's store at Springhill and made a dash up the road. Mrs. Straton and Mrs. W. T. H. Fenety were driving down the road in a light wagon and on seeing the runaways approaching Mrs. Straton sprang out and brought them to a standstill thus proving herself a very courageous woman.

A Good Market

There was a lot of country produce on sale today but it cannot be said that the prices were within the reach of all. Buyers were plentiful and the farmers had no difficulty in disposing of their stock. Spring chick-

ens sold quickly at \$1 per pair. Lamb brought 80 cts a hind quarter; Salmon 17 cents per lb; new potatoes 45 cts a peck; veal 5 and 6 cts; eggs 20 cts, a large hole was torn in her side. It is estimated that it will cost at least \$1000 to repair the damage. It seems to be the general opinion that the accident was the result of a wrong signal given by the captain from the upper deck.

The Derrick Broke

An accident which came near being attended by serious results occurred this morning on the normal school wharf. The hoisting gear of a large derrick used for transferring granite from the scow to the wharf gave way and a block of granite weighing two tons which had been suspended in the air fell with a tremendous crash. Fortunately the men working on the wharf at a time were well out of reach. The granite is to be used in the construction of new piers for the highway bridge.

Some Big Ones

John McGibbon, a young farmer of Douglas had in the market this morning the carcass of an April lamb which tipped the scales at 44 pounds. James S. Grant a prominent Macnaquac farmer, who is reported to be the champion veal raiser of York County had a carcass of veal weighing 90 pounds in the market this morning.

At Dublin Fair.

Messrs James F. McMurray, James Tennant, P. M. MacDonald, and Donald Fraser Sr. are this week attending the fair at Dublin, Ireland.

The Victoria Floated

The Star Line steamer Victoria which ran into the wharf at Oromocto yesterday morning was pulled off at six o'clock this morning by a tug and is being towed to St. John for repairs.

She was badly damaged in the collision with the wharf and it may take a fortnight or so to repair her. The starboard paddle box was crushed and a large hole was torn in her side. It is estimated that it will cost at least \$1000 to repair the damage. It seems to be the general opinion that the accident was the result of a wrong signal given by the captain from the upper deck.

Personal Mention

Allan J. Wheeler, of Montreal is among the guests at the Queen.

Miss Blanche Whitehead is spending her vacation at her former home here.

Miss Maud Whitehead of Vancouver, B.C., is visiting her mother Mrs. William Whitehead.

Mrs. William Cooper of Kansas City is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wiley.

Henry Braithwaite, the well-known guide returned today from an extended trip to the Miramichi woods.

U.S. SURVEY ON HOMES REVEALS 70 P.C. HEATLESS

Eminent Washingtonians, says "The Rocky Mountain News", placed garlands on the almost forgotten grave of John Howard Payne, who composed "Home Sweet Home". About the same day appeared a report from the Department of Commerce revealing how wretchedly humble are many of the homes in this land today.

The commerce report covers a survey of the homes in twenty five of the smaller cities. The partial survey shows that:

About 27 per cent of the homes have neither bathtubs nor showers, and nearly 20 per cent have no sanitary toilet facilities.

About 42 per cent are not equipped with gas or electricity for cooking and 8.5 per cent have neither gas nor electricity for lighting; in five cities more than a quarter of the homes are lighted by lamps.

About 60 per cent have no furnaces or other central heating, the proportion running almost as high in the cold northern cities as in the South.

About 75 per cent have no running hot water facilities.

Central Kingsclear

July 23—The farmers are busy gathering in the hay crop and enjoying the fine weather to do so. They report the hay a good crop in this vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Rowley was calling on his parishioners in the place last week.

Mr. Hugh Young of Brockway spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kilburn.

Mrs. Herman Estey and children of Marysville spent the last week with Mrs. Estey's sister, Mrs. Oswald Grey.

Miss Fanny and Estella Fox, attended the water sports in Fredericton last week.

Master Kilburn Young of McAdam, Junction spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kilburn.

Mr. Alfred King has greatly improved the looks of his buildings which he has been repairing and painting. Mr. Jas. Owens is convalescing at his home after having his tonsils removed last week.

Edith Burrell is spending a few weeks visiting her Aunt, Mrs. Cain near St. Stephen.

Master Don Graham of Houlton, Me., spent the last week visiting his cousins Alva and Merle Goodine, also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kilburn.

Mrs. Ralph Kilburn spent a day recently the guest of Miss Anna Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cliff of Upper Gagetown were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilburn one day last week.

Mrs. Matilda Kilburn and Mrs. Burt, also Mrs. Bliss of Boston, motored Fredericton and spent Wednesday afternoon the guest of Mrs. Hedley Kilburn.

Mrs. Alice Anderson is visiting Mrs. George Anderson.

Miss Carrie Mills is improving in health daily and we are glad to see her about again.

Rev. Alexander McKay of Harvey had charge of the evening service in the United Church Sunday evening. He and Rev. Rowley exchanged fields for the day.

Wilmot and Eldon Cliff are spending

A WOMAN IN LONDON HOSPITAL IS NOW ABLE TO SEE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE

For the first time in history a woman, who has been blind all her life, is learning to see.

As she learns she is discovering what mistaken ideas those who have always been blind have of the world about them; and when her long lesson is finished doctors will have an entirely new insight into the psychology of the blind.

No one before has ever "seen" things first entirely through their fingers, then through the more sudden flash of form and color.

The woman, who is more than thirty is a patient in the Central London (Eng.) Ophthalmic Hospital, where a Welsh surgeon, Dr. Tudor Thomas, has grafted, two healthy "corners" from the eyes of two other patients on to hers.

The first operation was performed in November, the second in January. It is four months since her eyes were unbandaged, and, though it is now certain that the operations have been successful, it will be a long time yet before muscles and brain have adjusted themselves fully to the strange act of seeing.

Blackboard Lessons

She has a room at the hospital full of blackboards on which nurses draw pictures of ships and flowers and faces, teaching her what they all are.

Sometimes she is asked to fill in the details. For example, a steamer will be drawn complete with funnels and she will fill in the smoke and perhaps the sun rising in the background. Other days she will study pictures of those traditional animals which grace any children's picture book.

Even the letters of the alphabet must be learnt afresh. For though she is an expert at Braille, she has no previous idea of the shape of any ordinary letter.

She has now got to the stage of "The cat ate the rat," and can herself write out simple sentences, sometimes with the "Ss"—bugbear of every child—inverted. The letters on which she started to read were a foot long. She has now got down to letters of two inches.

She is in the position of a baby learning to see, with the added drawback that the necessary muscles have lain idle for thirty years. That she can use them at all is as much a miracle as the restoration of movement to a lifetime cripple.

MANY PECULIAR NAMES ARE USED BY SOUTHERN FOLK

(New York Sun)

Touching evidence of generations of isolation is found in many of the given names—particularly on the staff side—in use among the Southern mountain people, those descendants of early English settlers who sought liberty and security in the Appalachian highlands two centuries or so ago.

One's first thought would be that in a remote and scattered population the number of names in use would diminish. But a study of the names of nearly two thousand of these American highlanders reveals an extensive variety, though in many instances it is a variety of only slight differences. Diminutives are much used, even for middle names. Shortened forms are found to some extent among masculine names, but here there is larger use of family surnames and names of Biblical and historical character.

One of the chief reasons for variety is that large families have been usual among these descendants of the pioneers. Where there are a dozen or more children, which is not an infrequent progeny, the supply of ordinary names becomes scanty, especially if neighbors have drawn on that supply for their own numerous sons and daughters.

Again, in the monotony and hardship of their lives, parents—especially the mothers—have found satisfaction in giving to their new-born such names as are not too common, or

the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Florence Cliff in Boston.

There will be a fifteen cent social held at the home of Ralph Kilburn on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Sunday School.

Her greatest surprise is that people's faces are so different, and particularly a man's face and a woman's.

No description, she says, had ever conveyed to her how individual is the sum of a nose, a mouth, and two eyes, which she had always imagined must give very much the same answer. Even now she is only just learning to distinguish the faces of those who come to see her.

Similarly she found it hard to believe that a cat and a dog could really be so different when each was made up of a body, a head, four legs, and a tail. And this is a woman of trained intelligence and active brain. She has only been blind.

Color a Delight

One of the greatest difficulties which her teachers have had to overcome has been that of making her see things as a whole.

The reason? Blind persons run their fingers over and round, and up and down, anything they want to know, slowly building up their impression. She wanted to do the same thing with her eyes.

Focussing is another difficulty, and our almost instinctive habit of translating a flat picture into solid forms, but once she has been anything she will always know it again, although she likes to feel it also to compare the old impression with the new.

Her greatest pleasure is in color, although, curiously enough, color was the one thing which her eyes could not distinguish, but only in the mass—for example, the difference between the red of a fine sunset and the green of the fields.

Now there is vividness and contrast as well, and her greatest desire, as of almost everyone who has been blind, is to see the country in its fullness.

Already she has more than once been taken out of London for the day. But, although she can in a sense see a landscape, she finds that there is too much to be taken in at once. Another handicap is that she must still wear dark glasses when in a bright light, to protect her eyes.

Although her identity is known only at present to the hospital staff and a few close friends, it can be stated she has been actively concerned with work for the blind and hopes to return to it, when she has learned to use her eyes more fully, with renewed zest.

names that may be new, even if the difference from others may have been only in a single letter. For example: Alba and Alto; Oda, Ola, Oma, Ona, Ora, Ova; Ila, Ina, and Iva; Iota and Neva; Olice and Oline.

Greater variety is found in Bevvie, Callie, Dovie, Dona, Drusy, Leeta, Lutie, Litha, Sudi Sytha, Seema, Tino, Twila, Verlie, Virgie, Vingie. There are the full baptismal names. Among others, still on the feminine side, are: Alpha, Aldawilda, Authelia, Delca, Erlene, Eula, Ioma, Lona, Dalia, Lelia, Leola, Monie, Merlie, Nola, Netsy, Opal, Olva, Oleta, Orphemia, Phyla, Perlea, Talitha, Pressie, Vola, Vina, Venus and Zella.

Among the baptismal names of boys are found even such diminutives as Ben, Bige, and even Doc. Omer and Uless tempt one to guess that their originals were Homer and Ulysses. And surely there is a distinction about such first names as Arlo, Claybe, Cofer, Darse, Enlo, Irby, Hargus, and Printis.

Hundreds of names, unusual to most of us, are available. Among surnames the evidence of the Anglo-Saxon heritage is, of course, especially pronounced. And here one finds names which suggest those of the type used by Charles Dickens in various novels—Bobbitt, Grizzle, Grubb, Riddle, Sparks and Tuggle.

It is in the given names, however, that the effect of generations of detachment from the outer world is impressive. In them something of the history of our southern mountain neighbors is written.

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